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Sir:

In compliance with the disclosure duty under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97, the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents

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*These references are generally related towards the rheumatoid arthritis claims.

^These references are generally related towards diabetes mellitus claims.

♦These references are particularly relevant to the claims directed towards the use of Myelin Basic Protein fragments.

+These references are generally related towards the multiple sclerosis claims.

°These references are generally related towards other, unclaimed, autoimmune diseases.


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the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR §§ 1.104(a) and 1.106(b), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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